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Reply to Office Action of March 15, 2006



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Applicant: Gunther Merz et al.

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For: SOFT MATERIAL COMPENSATOR

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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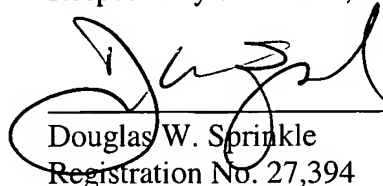
Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement of March 15, 2006, Applicant hereby elects the first species of each of the four species groups.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-13, 15-18, 19 and 20 all read on the elected species.

Examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

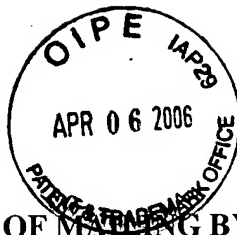


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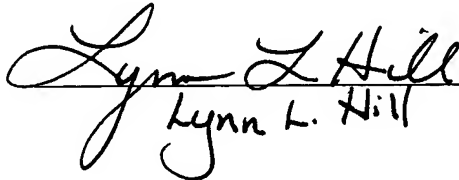


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